

Amendments to the Abstract

Replacement paragraph beginning at page 13, line 1

ABSTRACT

A pool cue tip conditioning device has a ~~series of components aligned vertically in a tubular housing, with the lower end of the device arranged for being pulled over a cue tip.~~ A striker plate carrying ~~an array of tip-indenting fingers on its bottom side is,~~ the plate located at the base of the housing for being driven into a pool cue tip to indent the tip without damaging it. ~~in a manner such that the tip is indented without being damaged.~~ The striker plate is driven by a plunger, ~~which is controlled by a return spring, located on a post at the top side of the plunger.~~ A plug is located above the plunger, the plug having an aperture in a bottom surface for receiving the tip of the plunger when the post of the plunger is centered, ~~with the plug.~~ The plug is held off-center by an asymmetric return spring which allows the tip of the post to become centered and to move upward into the aperture when the striker plate is moved upward by insertion of a pool cue. A work spring stronger than the return spring then forces the plug downward, slamming into the plunger, which drives the striker plate into the cue tip.